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Dear EMS Professional:

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the new *New York State Prehospital Pediatric Care Course 2001, A Continuing Education Course for EMTs.* The re-development of this course was a project of the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program. I would like to thank and acknowledge the Fire Department of the City of New York for undertaking this project under contract with federal EMSC funds. The curriculum is a testament to their dedication to this special population, their expertise, and countless hours of effort. Thanks also goes to Bureau staff members and members of the New York State Emergency Medical Services for Children Program's Advisory Committee for their review of the curriculum.

It is my sincere hope that you will find this pediatric curriculum to be straightforward, concise, and easy to use. May you find it helpful in increasing not only your knowledge, but in building your confidence in the care of one of our most vulnerable, and precious patient populations – our children.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Wronski

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